

WILSON ADVISORS TO HELP BREAK HARDING CABINET

President-Elect Expected to
Appoint New Department
Heads About February 1,
Says David Lawrence.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—President-elect Harding will select his cabinet by Feb. 1 or thereafter, and will send his 10 associates to Washington. They will find the 10 cabinet officers of the Wilson administration glad to familiarize with the routine of the government departments. This suggestion, which is not prompted by the Wilson administration, but has been talked about in official circles by persons who want to see the transfer of government departments with the least annoyance and inconvenience to the American people, really emanates from those who constantly have business before the government departments, and who fear that if ordinary procedure is followed, it will be April or May before action can be obtained on pending matters.

Usually it takes a new cabinet officer at least a month to learn the routine of his department. During that period he is dependent upon subordinate officials whom he does not know. They put documents before him to sign and he must either give his approval or take the responsibility for delay. In some cases decisions are urgent, and there is no other course but to take the advice of departmental subordinates.

Knox Starter of Plan.
When President Wilson was elected in 1912 Secretary Knox recognized the importance of getting early co-operation between the outgoing and incoming administrations, especially on the Mexican situation, which was then acute. Huntington Wilson, assistant secretary of state, was asked to advise the new administration about pending matters. However, there is no comparison between the number of vital questions which as a consequence of the war are before the government departments today and the routine matters of eight years ago.

For instance, the treasury department is in many respects even more important than the department of state nowadays, because the finances of the whole world bear a relationship to the action of the United States treasury. A month's time spent by the new secretary of the treasury before he actually assumes responsibility would be invaluable. In fact, there is no reason why all the time between the November election and inauguration should not be employed by members of the new administration in studying closely the problems they are to tackle later on. The incumbent administration would have no objection to opening all files and furnishing all data. In fact, in a good many cases the interests of the United States government abroad would be better protected if there were conferences between the two American administrations.

In several cases foreigners have attempted to take advantage of the transition period to further their own interests.

Matter of Courtesy.
The whole thing is purely a matter of courtesy and is not covered by any particular precedent. In some cases, cabinet officers have stayed on after their successors were appointed, but while assistance has been helpful, the responsibility of the new official dates from the moment he takes the oath of office, and he has no time for research or investigation. A month or two before the inauguration affords a better opportunity to get hold of routine questions because it is a sort of slack period in government. When once a new administration is installed the avalanche begins.

Office seekers and political friends consume time that should otherwise be devoted to learning the ropes. Many a cabinet official has been in a daze for weeks after he took office simply because he has no time to get his bearings, but must take immediate responsibility for everything in his own department.

It is also suggested that President-elect Harding would be materially assisted if his 10 cabinet officers were already familiar with the detail of pending questions when the first cabinet meeting is called. There is no political disadvantage in the scheme, as the Democratic administration is responsible for everything that is done in the name of the United States government until noon on March 4, but there is a decided advantage to the public at large because the transfer of government departments will not be as simple as it used to be before the war. Unless some such plan is adopted the government departments will practically stand still for many weeks while the new cabinet officers try to acquaint themselves to their new surroundings and master the complexities of government business. (Copyright, 1920, by David Lawrence.)

FAVORS CO-OP. PLAN.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 17.—State supervision of machinery for marketing and co-operative ownership of retail agencies by farmers are recommended in a report by Hugh J. Hughes, director of the department of agriculture, made public today. The report deals with the results of an investigation into conditions affecting the marketing of farm products.

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PICTURES WANTED.

We want pictures of the most popular teachers in your school. Send them in with name and school address of teacher on back of photograph.

ANNIVERSARY.

The Latona Boys' Industrial corporation, of Seattle, Wash., is celebrating its first anniversary this month.

This organization is a real corporation with a capital stock of \$5,000 divided into 1,000 shares of \$5 each. Any boy in the eighth grade or higher is eligible to acquire stock.

The boys are busily engaged in preparing for a Christmas rush. In their annual Christmas sale last year they sold 40 scooter cars, four automobiles, five coaster cars, 20 cr-

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dies, six small autos, three small tables and six hobby horses.

TO VISIT NORMAL.
The County Federation of the Parents' Teachers' association will visit Messick Teachers' Training school, at the West Tennessee Normal, Thursday morning to observe the methods used in training teachers. Luncheon will be served to the members at the school luncheon.

QUESTIONS.

What do you know about History and Literature? Answers in next issue.

Three prizes of \$1 each will be given for the first and best answers to these questions. Write on one side of the paper and mail to the school editor.

What Roman emperor was referred to as "The Wonder of the World?" Who is Spanish minister to the United States?

What author was called the "Wizard of the North?"

Where is the location of the "Treaty Elm" tree and why is it so called?

What Greek philosopher and writer was called "The Athenian Bee?"

EARNING MONEY.

S. F. McDonald, president of the Memphis Bread company, is offering encouragement to the students in the penmanship classes under Miss Radisill by giving them an opportunity "to earn while they learn." Two students from each school is given the task of addressing envelopes to customers and paid at the rate of 25 cents per hundred. The students earning the most last week were Frank Akte and Mildred Drashman from A. B. Hill school.

STUDY SAFETY METHODS.

Boys and girls of the Wyman school, St. Louis, study how accidents may be prevented. The boys are sent at times to the corner to watch his inquest of certain accidents.

The annual club rally and corn show of the Shelby County Agricultural club will be held at the courthouse Thursday, Nov. 18.

Outlines of the plans and methods each boy is using in the study of agriculture will be a feature of the program. Exhibits of corn will be shown.



Prof. Wharton S. Jones, Superintendent of Memphis City Schools.

TODAY'S RIDDLE.

Why is a nail fast in the wall like an old man? (Answer in next issue.)

The first team (boys) of A. B. Hill basketball plays Ford N. Taylor next Tuesday.

AMONG THE COUNTY SCHOOLS

The Rosemark basketball team won from Cuba High in Monday's game, played at the grounds of Cuba high school. The

score was 8 to 6. Mrs. Frank Teuton, of West Tennessee Normal, was referee.

A NEW PLAN.

Mrs. Frances Landis, principal of A. B. Hill school, has started a plan for raising small funds which are used in the interior improvement of the class rooms. The classic play which is renewed every month before the Parent-Teacher association meeting, is given the following evening to the students, and an admission of 5 cents is charged. The sum realized in this way is used for improvements.

SCHOOL GIRL IS SOCIETY EDITOR

She was only 12, but she walked right into the society editor's office and told him that the way his society columns were conducted didn't suit her and she knew she could do it much better. Then and there she got the job.

Though now only 15, Marietta Dodge Howland, Rockland, Mass., has been society editor for three years.

FORM PRESS CLUB.

A press club has been formed at Detroit Junior High school. Pupils interest-

ed in journalism are members. The club will get out a paper called "The Junior Messenger."

GIRLHOOD DAYS.

Queen Victoria. Little Princess Victoria loved to ride with her nurse through the streets of London and look at the beautiful dolls in the shop windows.

One day she saw an unusually pretty doll. She wanted it so badly, but she had spent all her allowance and knew it would do no good to tease for more money.

She must have that doll though. So into the shop she went and smiled so sweetly at the shopkeeper that he promised to keep it for her until she could save enough pennies to buy it.

When Victoria grew up and became queen of England she loved her subjects even more than she had loved her dolls when she was a little girl. Her people loved her too. She had a long and happy reign.

Lauderdale was defeated by the A. B. Hill first team in a lively contest last Tuesday. The score was 34 to 14.

RACE VIRILITY WOMEN'S THEME

Feminine Voters Close Meeting With Lively Talks From Leaders.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Divorce, motherhood, child hygiene, woman labor and subjects pertinent to the virility of the race were discussed animatedly at the final session of the convention of the National League of Women Voters, second region. The conference, which drew women from several large cities of the country, ended with a dinner last night.

Miss Mary McDowell, head of the university settlement in Chicago, asserted that 39 per cent of all women voters were under 21 years.

Mrs. Joseph F. Baker, of Boston, proposed a "magna charter" of childhood, through codification of existing child welfare laws. She said 32 states now have bureaus of child hygiene to cope with maternal ignorance and undernourished children. The United States is eighth in point of infant mortality, she said.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt spoke on the alleged "vote delivery" in the recent election, charging that women voters had been "double-crossed" in a New York "governorship-senatorship bargain." She said women vot-

VANDERLIP DENIES HE'S HARDING AGENT

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 17.—W. D. Vanderlip of California, who has been in Russia seeking concessions for a Western syndicate, issued a statement denying the intimation that he had been in Moscow at the instigation of Senator Warren G. Harding in an endeavor to bring about recognition of Russia by the United States.

"I came to Russia for commercial purposes," he declared, "and I have succeeded in my efforts." Mr. Vanderlip announced he had leased for 60 years in behalf of the syndicate 400,000 square miles of Russian territory and that he had made other extensive contracts.

Two States Pledge Quotas For Foreign Finance Corporation

(By International News Service.)
MACON, Ga., Nov. 17.—Representatives of 165 banks in Georgia assembled here have subscribed \$1,083,500 of Georgia's quota of \$1,500,000 to the organization of the Federal In-

ternational Banking company, which is to be capitalized at \$12,000,000 and have \$6,000,000 paid-in capital.

(By the Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 17.—At a meeting here of Louisiana bankers, \$1,125,000 was subscribed for capital stock of the Federal Foreign Finance corporation, and pledges were made that will bring the state's total to its quota of \$1,500,000. The state is expected to subscribe at least \$2,000,000.

Resolutions were adopted by the bankers calling for subscriptions from each bank in the state of 2 per cent of its capital stock and surplus.

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IRISH TO TELL OF ACTUAL CONDITIONS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Witnesses from Ireland will be heard by the commission from the committee of 100 investigating conditions in Ireland. The public hearing set for today was postponed until tomorrow after the commission had been informed that two witnesses had reached New York. They are John Durham, acting mayor of Balgriffin, and Dennis Morgan, of Thurles.

Dudley Field Malone, former customs collector at New York city, also is to be a witness. He and the commission expect to hold daily sessions for the remainder of the week.

BATUM FALLS INTO BOLSHEVIKI HANDS

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 17.—Reports that Batumi has been captured by the Russian Bolsheviks have been received here, but have not been confirmed. Supplies collected in the city were removed some time ago, and a Georgian division was sent to the south to check an advance by Turkish nationalists. The confusion existing in the Caucasus region can not be described and trains running between Tiflis and Batumi are badly overcrowded. Great Bolshevik demonstrations were held in Batumi and Tiflis on the anniversary of the soviet revolution in Russia.

Aunt Not Guilty Of Baby's Death

NEWPORT, Ky., Nov. 17.—After being out half an hour a jury in the Campbell county circuit court found Mrs. Ida Warner not guilty of the charge of murdering Stanley Williams, her infant nephew.

Foreign Vessels May Have Liquor

MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 17.—The master of a foreign vessel in Alabama waters is entitled to the liquor allotted to him for the use of himself and crew by the customs officials, according to a ruling in the case of Capt. G. A. Lohmes of the British schooner "Amabelle" Cameron, by Judge N. R. Clarke of the interior criminal court. Capt. Lohmes was charged with violating the state prohibition law.

WORKERS PRESERVED ORDER, OFFICER SAYS

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 17.—Arms were issued to workers at a hospital to preserve order and protect stores, says an allied officer, who remained to the last in that city. The workers' union undertook to protect the wounded who had not been removed and a nursing staff volunteered to remain.

STEEL TRUST LIABLE FOR DEATH OF WOMAN

BOSTON, Nov. 17.—A jury in federal court found a verdict for the defendant in a \$50,000 suit brought by John Haute against the United States Steel corporation for the death of his wife, who was shot by guards in a strike disturbance at the Carnegie plant of the corporation in Newcastle, Pa., last fall.

Wilson Life Member Of Democratic Club

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—President Wilson has accepted honorary life membership in the National Democratic club. His letter of acceptance follows: "It is with a sense of very deep and genuine appreciation that I accept the honor the National Democratic club has conferred upon me by electing me an honorary life member. I am proud to have this evidence of the club's esteem and confidence."

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